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PASS TREASURY FOR ZINMAN AND SOMMERFIELD

E.O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 10/24/76

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SUBJECT: BLOCKED SHIPMENTS TO VIETNAM: AMTRACO SUPPLY CO.

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SUMMARY: ADB HAS PROVIDED USADB WITH COPY OF LTR SENT 21 OCTOBER TO AMTRACO SUPPLY COMPANY REJECTING AMTRACO'S PROPOSAL THAT ADB ASSUME TITLE TO EMBARGOED GOODS AMTRACO SUPPLIED DESTINED FOR VIETNAM POWER COMPANY PROJECT TO ENABLE ADB TO PAY AMTRACO FROM PROJECT LOAN ACCOUNT. BANK STAFF ALSO ADVISED THAT JAPANESE SUPPLIERS SEEKING PAYMENT FOR GOODS DESTINED FOR SAME PROJECT HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT BANK'S DISBURSEMENT SUSPENSION ON ALL VIETNAM LOANS REMAINS IN EFFECT. END SUMMARY.

1. USADB RECEIVED LETTERS DATED 11 AND 12 SEPTEMBER FROM AMTRACO SUPPLY COMPANY, NEW YORK ADDRESSED TO BANK WITH REQUEST THEY BE TRANSMITTED TO ADB MGMT. LETTERS
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WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED AS REQUESTED REFERRED TO DIS-

CUSSIONS AMTRACO HAD WITH TREASURY DEPT. OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN PAYMENT FOR GOODS SUPPLIED BY AMTRACO UNDER ADB-FINANCED VIETNAM POWER COMPANY PROJECT. SHIPMENT OF GOODS IN QUESTION WAS BLOCKED BY USG WITH SOME NOW IN STORAGE IN SINGAPORE AND NEW YORK; OTHER ITEMS STILL BEING PROCESSED IN FACTORY.

2. IN LETTERS, AMTRACO PROPOSED THAT BANK ASSUME TITLE TO EMBARGOED GOODS, TO ENABLE USG ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE AND SUBSEQUENT ADB PAYMENT TO AMTRACO FOR GOODS, BY AMENDMENTS TO LC'S HELD BY CHASE MANHATTAN BANK.

3. ADB STAFF CONSIDERED AMTRACO PROPOSAL BUT WAS UNABLE TO COMPLY SINCE AT NO TIME DOES BANK ASSUME TITLE TO GOODS IT FINANCES UNDER LOANS TO BORROWER MEMBER COUNTRIES. ALSO, BANK APRIL 26 SUSPENSION OF DISBURSEMENTS ON ALL LOANS MADE TO SOUTH VIETNAM REMAINS IN EFFECT.

4. ACCORDINGLY ON OCT. 21, BANK WROTE LETTER TO AMTRACO STATING THAT QUOTE IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE BANK TO ASSUME TITLE TO THE GOODS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE RESULTS SUGGESTED IN YOUR 11 SEPTEMBER LETTER UNQUOTE. USADB GIVEN COPY OF BANK LTR.

5. FYI: BANK STAFF ALSO INFORMED USADB THAT IT HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY JAPANESE SUPPLIERS ALSO AWARDED CONTRACTS UNDER SAME PROJECT WHO REPORTED RECEIVING RECENT COMMUNICATIONS FROM VIETNAM POWER COMPANY REQUESTING SHIPMENT OF GOODS. JAPANESE SUPPLIERS WERE INFORMED BY BANK THAT SHIPMENTS IF MADE WOULD BE AT SUPPLIER'S OWN RISK SINCE BANK DISBURSEMENTS ON ALL VIETNAM PROJECT LOAN ACCOUNTS REMAIN UNDER SUSPENSION. END FYI.

6. COPIES OF LETTERS EXCHANGED BY AMTRACO AND BANK DESCRIBED ABOVE BEING POUCHED TO ZINMAN AND SOMMERFIELD.

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